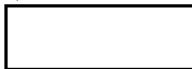


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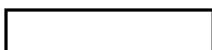
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I. Summary of Events, 5-18 June 1956.

The series of talks between Soviet Foreign Minister Shepilov and Egyptian Premier Nasser, the relaxation of controls over trade with Communist China by several Asiatic countries, and Burma's trade difficulties with the Sino-Soviet Bloc were the most significant features of the Bloc drive to expand economic relations with the Free World during the period 5-18 June 1956.



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The relaxation of controls over the rubber trade with Communist China was led by Malaya and Singapore and followed by Indonesia. Ceylon is already shipping rubber to Communist China. Thailand also lifted an embargo on the shipment of nonstrategic items to China.

Burmese dissatisfaction with Sino-Soviet Bloc barter agreements arises from their now-recognized price disadvantage, from Burmese inability to obtain consumer goods readily from the Bloc, from the unfortunate purchase of large quantities of cement, some of which will soon be unusable, and from Burmese recognition that recent cash sales of rice to Free World countries lessen the need for barter agreements with the Bloc.

\* Although the main emphasis of the Biweekly is on economic activities of the Sino-Soviet Bloc in underdeveloped areas of the Free World, significant Bloc activities of this nature in areas not considered underdeveloped also will be discussed.

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